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First Extraordinary Session, 2004

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR HINES

SENATE. Creates the Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To create and provide with respect to a Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and
3	Flood Control; to provide for membership; to provide for duties and responsibilities
4	of the committee; and to provide for related matters.
5	WHEREAS, the erosion of Louisiana's coast line has been occurring for many years
6	creating serious problems for the state and its people; and
7	WHEREAS, the dire consequences of the erosion of our coast line is recognized by
8	this state and by the United States; and
9	WHEREAS, many factors have contributed to the erosion problem, including but not
10	limited to the state's geography, industrial development of the coastal areas, and nature; and
11	WHEREAS, the situation has become critical; and
12	WHEREAS, a well designed plan must be developed and implemented to restore the
13	coastal areas; and
14	WHEREAS, flooding in the state has been a serious problem throughout the history
15	of the state of Louisiana; and
16	WHEREAS, flooding problems in the state are as diverse as the geography of the
17	state; and

1	WHEREAS, a variety of solutions must be developed to control flooding whether it
2	is caused by coastal flooding, riverine flooding, or flash flooding; and
3	WHEREAS, sources of adequate funding to implement plans to restore the coastal
4	areas and to provide adequate flood control must be identified.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6	hereby creates the Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control,
7	consisting of seven members appointed by the president of the Senate, and the president shall
8	designate a chairman and vice chairman.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Senate Committee on
10	Environmental Quality and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources shall
11	serve as ex-officio members of the committee.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the jurisdiction of the committee shall include
13	matters relating to:
14	(1) tidelands
15	(2) construction, improvements and maintenance of waterways, lakes, and streams
16	(3) facilities in connection with lakes, waterways, and streams
17	(4) flood and drainage projects
18	(5) levee districts
19	(6) public works in connection with construction, improvement, and maintenance of
20	waterways, lakes, and streams.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall study all issues related to
22	coastal restoration and flooding.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall meet as necessary to
24	complete its study and shall have all the powers otherwise provided by law and by the Rules
25	of Order of the Senate and all powers inherent in senate legislative committees, and that the
26	members thereof shall receive the per diem and mileage provided for senate committees by
27	the Rules of Order of the Senate.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a written report of its
29	findings to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate prior to each Regular

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1 Session beginning in 2005, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

The original instrument was prepared by Glenn Koepp. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Yolanda Johnson Dixon.

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**DIGEST** 

Creates the Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control to be comprised of seven members appointed by the president of the Senate, and the chairman of the committees on Environmental Quality and Natural Resources to serve as ex-officio members. The committee shall study all issues related to coastal erosion and flooding. The committee shall have all powers granted to other legislative committees. Requires written report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate prior to each Regular Session.

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.</u>

1. Requires written report prior to each Regular Session to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.